

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, CONCERNING REGIONAL UNDER-
STANDING SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT OPPORTUNITY
SCHOOL DECEMBER 26-30. DECEMBER 14, 1950.

We have long known that the South is a badly misunder-
stood section in other parts of the nation. Even among those
in high places who are presumed to be well informed, we
sometimes find an amazing degree of ignorance about conditions
in the South.

For that reason, it is gratifying to learn that our
own Opportunity School at West Columbia plans to hold a seminar
on Regional Understanding December 26-30, so that leaders
from other sections may visit our State and learn the truth
about a Southern state at first hand.

Miss Wil Lou Gray, director of the Opportunity School,
and Miss Marguerite Tolbert, Supervisor of Adult Schools, are
to be congratulated upon their initiative and enterprise in
launching this new movement. I hope it will be the forerunner
of many such seminars, which may help to acquaint the nation
with the truth about conditions in the South.

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